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SUBJECT: U.S. MILITARY SALES POLICY: WHAT CAN WE TELL

--- THE INDIANS?

REF: NEW DELHI 1978, REPEATED TOSEC 70.

FOR ATHERTON FROM SOBER.

1. IN LIGHT OF SCHNEIDER'S REF MESSAGE FROM DELHI, BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO AUTHORIZE HIM TO BRIEF GOI AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL ABOUT BHUTTO VISIT. WRAPUP TELEGRAM YOU APPROVED BEFORE LEAVING FOR MIDDLE EAST (REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION BY SEPTTEL) PROVIDES HIM GOOD BASIS FOR DOING SO.

SPECIFICALLY, HE COULD USEFULLY REVIEW DISCUSSION OF SITUATION IN SUBCONTINENT, INCLUDING BHUTTO'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO SIMLA PROCESS, HIS HOPE THAT INDIANS WOULD NOT REGARD PAK REACTION TO PROJECTED DEAL ON KASHMIR AS TURNING AWAY FROM COMMITMENT TO PEACEFUL RELATIONS AND BHUTTO REACTION TO MESSAGE FROM KAMAL HOSSAIN. I WOULD, HOWEVER,

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EXPLICITLY ENJOIN HIM FROM SAYING ANYTHING ON ARMS POLICY

ISSUE BEYOND WHAT IS CONTAINED IN PARA 3 OF WRAPUP MESSAGE.

I WOULD ALSO INSTRUCT HIM NOT RPT NOT TO USE COMMENTS ON

NUCLEAR ISSUE CONTAINED IN PARA 8 OF WRAPUP MESSAGE.

2. MAY I AUTHORIZE SCHNEIDER TO PROCEED AS OUTLINED ABOVE?
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